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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 36671-744.502

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Kenneth F. Buechler)	Group Art Unit: 1641
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Application No.: 10/645,874)	Examiner: Lum, Leon Yun Bon
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Filed: August 20, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 8658
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR)	
MEASURING BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE)	
NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES AND FOR)	
IMPROVING THEIR THERAPEUTIC)	
POTENTIAL)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 24, 2010, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. The Response is submitted after the shortened statutory period for reply, therefore a one-month extension fee is required to enter this Amendment. This Response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time under § 1.136 extending the time for response to December 24, 2010 and is therefore timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page **2** of this response.

Remarks begin on page **3** of this response.